

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method of displaying alert information in a network, comprising:

storing performance information for network objects at predetermined time intervals; and

displaying a summary view including a plurality of cells, each cell representing a period of time and comprising:

a bounded display region to display corresponding to respective periods of time, the cells including an alert status indication for the network objects at the represented period of time, the cells in the plurality of cells ordered according to each cell's represented period of time.

2. (Original) The method according to claim 1, further including displaying a first region corresponding to a first network object type, wherein the plurality of cells includes a first series of cells providing alert information for one or more objects of the first object type.

3. (Original) The method according to claim 2, further including displaying a second region corresponding to a second network object type, wherein the plurality of cells includes a second series of cells providing alert information for one or more objects of the second object type.

4. (Original) The method according to claim 3, further including displaying alert information for all first object type devices in the first region and for selected ones of the first object type devices.

5. (Original) The method according to claim 4, wherein the selected ones of the first object type correspond to a user-created group of objects.
6. (Original) The method according to claim 1, further including displaying a first time/date box and a second time/date box, and displaying alert information for a time period corresponding to the first time/date box.
7. (Original) The method according to claim 6, further including displaying alert information for a time period corresponding to the second time/date box for comparison to the alert information for the first time/date.
8. (Original) The method according to claim 7, further including receiving a date selection for the second date.
9. (Original) The method according to claim 1, further including receiving a user selection of the predetermined interval for performance data collection.
10. (Original) The method according to claim 1, further including receiving a user selection of the cell time period.
11. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the alert information includes at least a no alert status and alert status.
12. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the alert information includes at least a no alert status, a medium alert status and a critical alert status.
13. (Original) The method according to claim 1, further including displaying a topographical map including a plurality of regions for displaying respective network object types associated with one or more alerts, the map corresponding to a particular cell in the summary view.

14. (Original) The method according to claim 13, wherein the particular cell is selected by a user.
15. (Original) The method according to claim 13, further including displaying a graph of performance data for one or more of the network objects.
16. (Original) The method according to claim 15, further including displaying a threshold associated with the performance data for the one or more network objects.
17. (Original) The method according to claim 15, further including displaying statistical band information for the performance data.
18. (Original) The method according to claim 1, further including determining at least one root potential root cause of one or more alerts.
19. (Currently amended) An article, comprising:  
a storage medium having stored thereon instructions that when executed by a machine result in the following:  
storing performance information for network objects at predetermined time intervals;  
determining at least one potential root cause of one or more alerts in the network;  
and  
displaying a summary view including a plurality of cells, each cell representing a period of time and comprising:  
a bounded display region to display corresponding to periods of time, the cells including an alert status indication for the network objects at the represented period of time, the cells in the plurality of cells ordered according to each cell's represented period of time.
20. (Original) The article according to claim 19, further including displaying a first region corresponding to a first network object type, wherein the plurality of cells includes

a first series of cells providing alert information for one or more objects of the first object type.

21. (Original) The article according to claim 20, further including displaying a second region corresponding to a second network object type, wherein the plurality of cells includes a second series of cells providing alert information for one or more objects of the second object type.

22. (Original) The article according to claim 20, further including displaying alert information for all first object type devices in the first region and for selected ones of the first object type devices.

23. (Original) The article according to claim 19, further including displaying a first date box and a second date box, and displaying alert information for the first date.

24. (Original) The article according to claim 23, further including displaying alert information for the second date for comparison to the alert information for the first date.

25. (Original) The article according to claim 19, further including receiving a user selection of the cell time period.

26. (Original) The article according to claim 19, wherein the alert information includes at least a no alert status and alert status.

27. (Original) The article according to claim 19, further including displaying a topographical map including a plurality of regions for displaying respective network object types associated with one or more alerts, the map corresponding to a particular cell in the summary view.

28. (Original) The article according to claim 27, further including displaying a graph of performance data for one or more of the network objects.

29. (Original) The article according to claim 28, further including displaying statistical band information for the performance data.
30. (Original) The article according to claim 28, further including displaying performance data for a metric selected by a user.
31. (Currently amended) A computer system, comprising:  
a processor;  
a display coupled to the processor; and  
a memory coupled to the processor; wherein the memory includes stored instructions that when executed result in the following:  
storing performance information for network objects at predetermined time intervals;  
determining at least one potential root cause of one or more alerts in the network;  
and  
displaying a summary view including a plurality of cells, each cell representing a period of time and comprising:  
a bounded display region to display corresponding to periods of time, the cells including an alert status indication for the network objects at the represented period of time, the cells in the plurality of cells ordered according to each cell's represented period of time.
32. (Original) The system according to claim 31, further including displaying a first region corresponding to a first network object type, wherein the plurality of cells includes a first series of cells providing alert information for one or more objects of the first object type.
33. (Original) The system according to claim 32, further including displaying a second region corresponding to a second network object type, wherein the plurality of

cells includes a second series of cells providing alert information for one or more objects of the second object type.

34. (Original) The system according to claim 33, further including displaying alert information for all first object type devices in the first region and for selected ones of the first object type devices.

35. (Original) The system according to claim 31, further including displaying a first date box and a second date box, and displaying alert information for the first date.

36. (Original) The system according to claim 35, further including displaying alert information for the second date for comparison to the alert information for the first date.

37. (Original) The system according to claim 31, further including receiving a user selection of the cell time period.

38. (Original) The system according to claim 31, wherein the alert information includes at least a no alert status and alert status.

39. (Original) The system according to claim 31, further including displaying a topographical map including a plurality of regions for displaying respective network object types associated with one or more alerts, the map corresponding to a particular cell in the summary view.

40. (Original) The system according to claim 39, further including displaying a graph of performance data for one or more of the network objects.

41. (Original) The system according to claim 40, further including displaying statistical band information for the performance data.

42. (Original) The system according to claim 40, further including displaying performance data for a metric selected by a user.